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WITH LIGHT SHIELDING FRAME LAYER (AS AMENDED)

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Pursuant to the Rules, Applicants hereby acknowledge a series of telephone interviews conducted with the Examiner concerning the above-identified case between 15 July 2003 and 6 August 2003.

During the course of these interviews the Examiner informed the undersigned that the Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116 in this application had been received and was being reviewed, and subsequently that due to time constraints he had issued an Advisory Action denying entry to Applicants' Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116 on the basis that it raised new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

The Examiner and the undersigned generally discussed the currently outstanding Official Action, the currently cited prior art, and the substantive argument presented in Applicants' Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116. In addition, the claims as amended were discussed in general terms and specifically as they related to certain patents the Examiner indicated that he had located during the course of a "partial update search" conducted by him in connection with the Advisory Action ultimately issued in this application on 31 July 2003.

It is the undersigned's understanding that the Examiner acknowledged that previously in the prosecution of this application he had been viewing the present application from a different perspective than that intended by the Applicants, the Applicants' intended perspective having been clarified during a previous interview and in Applicants' Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116. It also is the undersigned's understanding that the Examiner felt that Applicants' correction of the perspective from which he had theretofore viewed this application clarified Applicants' arguments concerning the art currently of record and applied against the claims of this application.

No substantive agreement was reached during the course of this series of interviews.

Nevertheless, the Examiner specifically identified certain additional art located in his "update searches" that he deemed most relevant to the claims proposed in Applicants' Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116. In addition, in view of the discussions between the Examiner and the undersigned, and the Examiner's further consideration of the art of record and the results of his "update searches", the Examiner proposed amended wording for the independent claim of this application that he tentatively would be willing to allow (subject to further consideration and search, if necessary) for consideration by the Applicants.

Applicants believe that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this submission. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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